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MEMORANDUM FOR: [] Assistant to the Director

SUBJECT : Items for Discussion, PSB Informal Meeting 15 July 1953

1. Attached is the agenda for the PSB Board meeting on July 15. Item one is based upon a memorandum dated July 11, 1953 from Mr. C.D. Jackson to the members of the Board reflecting the desire of President Eisenhower that the PSB work out a plan to institute a food program for the satellites similar to the current one for East Germany. This subject has been under consideration for the past two days by the D-45 inter-agency committee. [] of EE Division is the CIA representative, and a status report from [] of EE Division is attached. Also attached is intelligence material pertinent to food shortages in the satellites.

2. Item two concerns a plan (copy attached) for the exploitation of dissidence in the Soviet Bloc by use of the Soviet Armed Forces (PSB D-43). It has received extensive review among the area divisions and the Psychological Warfare Division of the PP staff. The PY and SR divisions, the CIA offices principally concerned with this problem, have certain reservations about the paper which have been considered by a meeting of agency representatives and will probably be brought before the Board for decision. These are:

a. Paragraph 1a of the plan is not supported by the remainder of the paper.

b. The main tasks of the plan appear to be assigned to CIA, with only minor supporting roles outlined for State and Defense. If this is the case, all that is needed is a decision by the Board as a matter of national policy that the U.S. desires "the Soviet armed forces to overthrow the Soviet regime... and replace it with a system amenable to international cooperation." (See paragraph 1a). Those who would be charged with covert implementation of such a decision could then employ all the professional skill available to plan for and carry out the requirements. State and Defense would be called upon to render necessary support.

3. [] asked me to inform you that the PP staff is not recommending the approval of paragraph 1a. If the Board decides to approve the paper in its present form, however, the staff feels the paper should serve the following purposes:

a. It should produce a positive policy decision affirming paragraph 1a;

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b. It should indicate what priority is given this plan;

c. It should place definite supporting responsibilities on the State and Defense Departments.

4. If no determination is made that the Board approves and seeks the achievement of the objective listed in paragraph 1a, the Staff feels the paper should be considered simply as an annex to PSB D-40 (Plan for the Exploitation of Stalin's Death), since the subordinate objective of this plan only repeats the objectives of PSB D-40.

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